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TO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: MASS, TH

SUBJECT: ASHVILLE CLASS PATROL GUNBOATS

1. ON AUGUST 23 THE THAI EMBASSY LEFT WITH THE DEPARTMENT ON AIDE-MEMOIRE ON POSSIBLE TRANSFER OF USN ASHVILLE CLASS PATROL GUNBOATS TO THE RTG. ACCORDING TO THE AIDE-MEMOIRE, THE RTG HAD RECEIVED INFORMATION THAT THESE VESSELS MIGHT BE DOWNGRADED ABOUT THE END OF 1977 AND PERHAPS BECOME AVAILABLE FOR TRANSFER TO THE NAVIES OF ALLIED NATIONS. SINCE RTN ESTIMATED REQUIREMENTS FOR THE NEXT FIVE FISCAL YEARS BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 1974, INCLUDE ACQUISITION OF FIVE PATROL GUNBOATS, THE RTG HOPED THE USG WOULD KEEP THE RTN IN MIND SHOULD WE INDEED BE PLANNING TO TRANSFER THE VESSELS.

2. MINISTER-COUNSELOR SUTHI AND NAVAL ATTACHE KASEM WERE INFORMED THAT THE USN CURRENTLY HAS NO PLANS TO TRANSFER THE GUNBOATS TO FOREIGN NAVIES ALTHOUGH IT WAS POSSIBLE THAT THE VESSELS WOULD BE DOWNGRADED WITHIN THE NEXT FEW

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YEARS. THEY WERE ALSO TOLD THAT RTG INTEREST IN THE

VESSELS WOULD CONVEYED TO ALL CONCERNED IN THE EVENT IT  
SHOULD BE DECIDED SUBSEQUENTLY TO MAKE THEM AVAILABLE FOR  
TRANSFER. COPIES OF THE AIDE-MEMOIRE HAVE BEEN PASSED TO  
DOD AND POUCHED TO THE EMBASSY. KISSINGER

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